

# NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON



## Many Wonders in Washington's Botanical Garden

WASHINGTON—Washington has a botanical garden of plant rarities and plant curiosities. It occupies a patch of land, entirely inadequate, the plant experts say, on Pennsylvania avenue almost directly in front of the capitol.



Representative James L. Slayden of Texas has introduced a bill for the removal of the garden to Rock Creek park and the transfer of its control to the department of agriculture.

Visitors to Washington always are interested in the botanical garden. Curiousities and wonders, too, make the place of sharp interest not only to botanists, but to laymen.

The Hottentot tree will interest students of savage jurisprudence to whom Superintendent Hess will show the little nuts growing on the tree and explain that the Hottentots made persons accused of crime eat them as a test of their innocence. As the nuts are deadly poison and the accused usually died, the trial, it will be seen, was exceedingly simple.

Bridal couples usually are shown the "mother-in-law plant," so named, it is said, because if a person breaks off a leaf and touches it to the tongue, speech is lost for nine days. One of the employees once experimented by stuffing a leaf in his mouth, whereupon the tongue so swelled that it protruded from the mouth and closed it. The man was rushed to a hospital but the plant made good its dread reputation by keeping him ill for the appointed nine days.

One of the greatest curiosities in the great greenhouse is a creeping fig, a little plant with leaves about the size of a dime and a stem no larger than one's little finger. This stem, coming up out of a bed beside a huge granite block upon which rests a large tub of earth, forced its way under the block, lifting several hundred pounds to make room for itself, and came out on the other side. It then wandered all over the block, carpeting it completely with its tiny leaves of green.

The lace or lattice leaf plant of Madagascar lives in the water and looks like a piece of beautiful "drawn work" that some careless visitor had accidentally dropped there.

## "Made in America" Gets Impetus in Washington

"MADE in America" is receiving a big impetus and those who have given magic association to the words "foreign" or "imported" are in a fair way to change their point of view.

Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the vice-president, and Mrs. P. R. McCumber, wife of the senator from North Dakota, with Mrs. Ollie James of Kentucky and other leaders of official Washington, have all declared that the importance which has heretofore been attached to foreign manufactured goods has been largely psychological, and that not all of their popularity has foundation in fact, and that they intend to do their utmost to relieve the masses of the American people of that silly prejudice which has grown so strongly on them.

Among the Washingtonians who joined this movement are Miss Julia Marlowe, the actress; Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Mrs. Thomas K. McLaughlin, Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. Edward Mitchell, Mrs. Reynolds Hitt, Mrs. Robert Roosevelt, Mrs. Mark Hanna, Mrs. D. A. Bloodgett, Mrs. J. B. Aleshire and Mrs. William L. Marshall.

The National Made in U. S. A. league, which has its headquarters in Washington, does not compel its members to sign a pledge, or to limit themselves to any action more definite than preference of American products, if they come within the taste, or the means of the individual purchaser.

"To my mind," stated one of the honorary patronesses. "It is exactly similar to the purchase in your home town agitation which is so common in many of our thirty rural centers. When it covers the whole United States, it is larger in aspect, but in principle virtually the same. It is a good thing to encourage American business and to furnish employment for all."

## Parcel Post Ice Boxes for Perishable Commodities

ALTHOUGH there is now no obstacle to the construction by the post office department of cold storage facilities to take care of perishable parcel post shipments, according to decision of controller of the treasury, it was declared that there are to be no radical steps taken to equip post offices with either elaborate cold storage plants or ice boxes.



Postmaster Praeger at Washington did not wait for a decision as to whether the department had authority to build cold storage plants. He just took materials from his building, used his own forces and has constructed one at the post office near the Union station, where perishable products which cannot be delivered immediately are stored until they can be delivered.

The question of cold storage first came up at Denver. At that place there is a railroad running out of the mountain city approximately 255 miles in length, over which there are only two trains a day, one of which leaves about eight o'clock in the morning. It runs over a desert country, where it is difficult to keep the perishable products, in view of the fact that in order to catch the trains it is necessary to mail the parcel post matter at the Denver post office in the evening. The perishable shipments total about one ton a day.

It is probable that where conditions require it ice boxes will now be installed, although it is declared to be the desire of the department to educate that part of the public which uses the parcel post for shipping perishable products to ship them at a time when it will not be necessary to have them lie over at any point, and it is the purpose of the department to make deliveries of such shipments as they arrive at the office of destination.

## Sees Fortune in the Black Mud of Anacostia Flats

JOHN Martin hammers a typewriter in the press room of the Municipal building and draws a pay from an afternoon newspaper in the daytime; at night he dreams of a fortune in pedigreed corn and potatoes from the black mud of the Anacostia "flats," between the army war college and the government hospital for the insane.

Last summer a fishing expedition took him to the south shore of the eastern branch of the Potomac, where the government has built up acre after acre with mud dredged from the channels of the branch. Congress has been worrying for a long time over the best means of producing revenue from these flats, and when the district commissioners were asked to pass on the question of leasing these acres of river mud for five years Martin got the tip and, having some money laid by, decided to go into agriculture.

Having leased the land for five years, he consulted the agricultural department and was advised to plant corn because there was so much acid in the soil. Martin chartered a negro and two mules and some farm machinery and started ploughing his land in the fall, and the department told him where to buy his corn. An expert said: "You buy 30 bushels of very aristocratic, high-toned seed corn and raise a crop of it. Allowing 13 acres for failure, you've still got 100 acres for the good corn, which ought to average around one hundred and fifty bushels to the acre. This will make 75 bushels of shelled corn to the acre, and with such corn finding a ready market at \$2 a bushel you ought to clean up about fifteen thousand dollars gross on your first crop. Your second crop, of potatoes, should get you about twenty thousand dollars gross."

Like Sport. "Amateur hunters may kill people in mistake for game, but you never hear of such mistakes in picnatorial sport."

"I don't know about that. Girls often look men they mistake for big fish."

A Rare Sight. Crusty Guest (after a long wait)—I understand you've seen active service?

Water (proudly)—I have, sir, Crusty Guest—Would you mind telling me where the restaurant is located?

The first time I saw it I heard many shots," said the driver. It is a cold ride in the mountains at this season.

## PET SNAKE SAVES HIM FROM JAILER

No One Remembers Charge Against Man With Reptile Three Feet Long.

St. Paul, Minn.—A man with "snakes" is not uncommon at Central police station. The officials have their own way of handling them. A man with a single snake, and that more than three feet long, is another proposition, and caused more activity on the part of portly jailers and patrolmen than anything which has entered the station in years.

An innocent-appearing offender was brought to the desk. Serg. M. J. Fallon took the man's name, and Jailer Ed Neuman began to search him. All went well until he passed his hand under the man's coat. Then came



For a Moment Not a Word Was Spoken.

a muffled curse and Jailer Neuman, who weighs 357 pounds, established a new record for the standing broad jump.

From under the man's coat appeared the head of a snake, followed by about three feet and a half more snake, which coiled on the desk and looked first at Sergeant Fallon and then at Detective John Rowan.

For a moment not a word was spoken, but there was a mighty shuffling of feet toward the door.

The man who owned the snake picked the pet up and held it to his face, explaining that it would harm no one.

With the snake in his hands the man walked out the door. When he had left someone asked what the charges against the man were.

The question is unanswered.

## STEAL THE SHERIFF'S GUN

Officer Sleeps While Burglars Also Take His Star and Some Mince Pies.

Boulder, Colo.—While peacefully asleep and dreaming of a raid he had planned at Hygiene, Sheriff Buster suffered a blow to his pride.

Two thieves entered his apartments in the courthouse, removed a revolver from beneath his pillow, unplanned the star from his vest, which was hanging on a chair, picked up two pairs of trousers, took two mince pies intended for Christmas from the cupboard, and then started to walk out of the room with the sewing machine. In the hallway one of the invaders caught his foot in a rug and stumbled with the machine against the wall. The noise aroused the sheriff, who ran into the hall, only to see the two burglars disappear down the stairway.

Buster said that the loss of the mince pies perplexed him more than the humiliation of being caught asleep.

## DROWNING, "SAVE MY HAT"

Fat Man in Ice Water Is Most Concerned About Rescue of Headpiece.

"Save my hat! Save my hat!" yelled Edward Jansen as he was treading water fringed by ice in the Great South bay on Patchogue.

Mr. Jansen, who weighs more than two hundred pounds, is sojourning at Roe's hotel. He had never experienced the joy of sailing in a scoter, that amphibious little craft which has the speed of the wind over ice and water alike, until he went scottering in Harry Richter's boat loaded with Mr. Richter and Oscar Fredericks.

The weight of the three was almost six hundred pounds, so that when the scoter flitted up on a section of thin ice it crashed through and sank in the freezing water, leaving the three fat men floating like balloons adrift.

They were rescued. Mr. Jansen's hat was saved.

## SEES SPECTER STAGE COACH

California Driver, After Preparing for Cold Ride, Sees Apparition on Trail.

San Bernardino, Cal.—What is declared to be a strange apparition in the form of a "phantom" stage coach traversing the mountain trails in Mormon pass, is reported by O. W. Herfert, driver of the San Bernardino mountain automobile stage line.

Night after night for the last week Herfert says he has witnessed the strange and uncanny performance of a specter coach of the "forty-nine" days. Sometimes, he says, it tears with fearful speed down the steep grades and then suddenly disappears as it came, altogether against the great bleak bulk of Pilot Rock.

"The first time I saw it I heard many shots," said the driver. It is a cold ride in the mountains at this season.

## WOMAN WOULD NOT GIVE UP

Though Sick and Suffering; At Last Found Help in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Richmond, Pa.—"When I started taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was in a dreadfully rundown state of health, had internal troubles, and was so extremely nervous and prostrated that if I had given in to my feelings I would have been in bed. As it was I had hardly strength at times to be on my feet and what I did do was by a great effort. I could not sleep at night and of course felt very bad in the morning, and had a steady headache."

"After taking the second bottle I noticed that the headache was not so bad, I rested better, and my nerves were stronger. I continued its use until it made a new woman of me, and now I can hardly realize that I am able to do so much as I do. Whenever I know any woman in need of a good medicine I highly praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

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Women Have Been Telling Women for forty years how Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has restored their health when suffering with female ills. This accounts for the enormous demand for it from coast to coast. If you are troubled with any ailment peculiar to women why don't you try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound? It will pay you to do so. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Franz Josef Land. By annexing Franz Josef Land, Russia increases the number, rather than the extent, of her possessions. The archipelago consists of about sixty islands, almost all of the group being covered with snow-clad glaciers. The Austrian pioneers believed they had discovered continuous land, but their successors, the first of whom was Benjamin Leigh Smith, found that the acquisition was broken up into islands. Both Nansen and the duke of the Abruzzi have explored the group. Now that Austria's arctic territory has been captured, we may hear of the hoisting of the British flag in Kaiser Wilhelm II Land and Luitpold Land, which areas in the Antarctic are German possessions. Wilhelm II Land was discovered by the Gauss expedition, and Luitpold Land, in the Weddell sea, by Lieutenant Filchner.

## IS EPILEPSY CONQUERED?

New Jersey Physician Said to Have Many Cures to His Credit.

Red Bank, N. J. (Special).—Advice from every direction fully confirm previous reports that the remarkable treatment for epilepsy being administered by the consulting physician of the Kline Laboratories, of this city, is achieving wonderful results. Old and stubborn cases have been greatly benefited and many patients claim to have been entirely cured.

Persons suffering from epilepsy should write at once to Kline Laboratories, Branch 48, Red Bank, N. J., for a supply of the remedy, which is being distributed gratuitously.—Adv.

## SAGE TEA AND SULPHUR DARKENS YOUR GRAY HAIR

Look Younger! Try Grandma's Recipe of Sage and Sulphur and Nobody Will Know.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You will get a large bottle for about 50 cents. Everybody uses this old, famous recipe, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.

Adv.

Was Member of G. A. R. Mrs. Kady Brownell, who died at the age of seventy-two, in Norwich, N. Y., was the only woman ever mustered in as a full member of the Grand Army of the Republic. She designed a special uniform and followed her husband to Washington, joining his company, and saw service with him during the first battle of Bull Run, and she was also in other battles of the Civil war. She was custodian of the Jewel mansion in New York for a number of years after the war and received a special medal for action at the fall of Newburg.

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Buying a Bed. "I want to get a bed and a mattress," said Farmer Wayback, entering a Newark furniture store.

"Yes, sir," replied the furniture dealer; "a spring bed and spring mattress, I suppose?"

"No; I want that kind that kin be used all the year round."

Limitations. "I'll give Guggs credit for one thing. He says the best he can about people."

"That's true, but Guggs' best is nothing more than a knock."

## LABOR WILL FIGHT PLAGUE

Plans Made for Co-Operation With National Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis.

A campaign for closer co-operation with labor unions and other groups of working men has recently been launched by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

A committee has been appointed with Dr. Theodore B. Sachs, president of the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute, as chairman, to formulate plans for immediate and future action. Other members of the committee are Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, Washington; George W. Perkins, secretary of the International Cigar Makers' union, Chicago; John Mitchell of the New York State Compensation commission, New York; Austin B. Garrettson, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Dr. William Charles White, medical director of the Tuberculosis league of Pittsburgh, and Dr. David R. Lyman, superintendent of the Gaylord Farms sanatorium, Wallingford, Conn.

As the first step in the campaign a special health bulletin has been prepared for the labor papers and will be sent out monthly in co-operation with members of the International Labor Press association.

A "Flying" Malady. The doctors are puzzled concerning a strange malady that has broken out at more than one aeroplane works and has, in one case resulted fatally. The malady in some respects resembles yellow jaundice, and it is, rightly or wrongly, attributed to contact with an aeroplane "dope," or to inhaling its odor.

Further particulars need not at the moment be indicated, but it has been suggested that the source of the trouble may be amyl acetate, which is used as a "dope" solvent. Some mystery attaches to the affair, the precise nature of the malady not having yet been determined, in spite of close examination and analysis; and, of course, until success is attained in this direction no satisfactory precautions or remedy can be devised.

Find Live Duck in Fish. A strange specimen of the angel fish was caught by Captain Palmer at Sound Beach, who removed from it two ducks. The wicked fish had stolen the ducks from J. Kennedy Tod's Innis Arden estate. One was alive.

The fish were struggling in the water when seen by Captain Palmer, and was landed with a pair of ice tongs.

The fish is a yard long, and its mouth is 6 by 8 inches. It was frozen in a cake of ice at the Maher ice plant and is exhibited in the window of a market here.—Greenwich (Conn.) Dispatch to New York World.

Gaining Weight. Church—They say that many of the soldiers fighting in Europe are gaining in weight, notwithstanding the great hardships.

Gotham—I can't understand that. "You can't?"

"Why, lead will make 'em heavier, all right."

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"Yes, but only to a limited extent." "What do you mean by that?"

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## His Status.

"Is your neighbor on the right an eclectic, Mr. Jinks?"

"No; he's a Smith."

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